

PINOCHLE "PINCH" REVERSES THE LUCK OF WASYL'S LOVE

Detective Phlaster's Lead of Ace Rouses Jealousy and Takes Knave of Hearts.

"I said 220! Lucky at love and lucky at pinochle both," quoth Wasyl Zsazbura as he slammed his cards down on the table of the Loriel Club.

"At pinochle, yes, but in love—perhaps," Detective Wilhelmus Phlaster retorted. "Excuse me for bustin' up the game, but I arrest you for grand larceny. Come on over to the station."

He terminated last night the little pleasures of the poor in the back room of the Loriel, Fourth street and Avenue R. Terminated also Detective Wilhelmus Phlaster's unique strategy. He had "cleaned up" on his assignment through pinochle.

Now, this is the brief tale of a strong lead in hearts and a weak one in spades.

Wasyl Zsazbura, who is a suave dandy of the east side, and who is said to pluck hearts as easily as an ordinary man takes a street car transfer, had a girl about a year ago. She was Miss Gussie Kunkak, and her home was at No. 215 East Sixth street.

SAFER THAN A BANK WAS HER WASYL.

Miss Gussie was deeply in love with her Wasyl; she admits as much, even now. So when Wasyl told her all the banks in the country were going to bust, Miss Gussie withdrew from her bank her hard-earned thousand, representing the savings of honest toil.

That same day she consented to quaff a cup of beer with her Wasyl. Something was funny about that beer; when Miss Gussie awoke her Wasyl was gone.

Done he was, so she afterward learned, as far as Russia. Also the thousand. Miss Gussie mourned the loss of a sweetheart and a thousand, she also noticed the police.

Three weeks ago word came to the loser in the heart lead that Wasyl was back in his old haunts. Knowing that her Wasyl was a No. 1 pinochle expert, Miss Gussie took the news of her recent work's return to Detective Phlaster and told him that he would probably pick up Wasyl at the Loriel.

Thereupon the detective dropped in on the club, played a few times and was invited to join.

Now, Phlaster in some pinochle play he had not spent in the back rooms of police stations without improving his education. So the detective proceeded to clean up the other members of the Loriel club.

"Their nightly admonition was, 'Wait until Wasyl plays with you; then you will see something.'"

Last night Wasyl did dance into the Loriel parlor and he found himself in a game with Wilhelmus Phlaster. The latter was morally sure of his man's identity, but he had to be positive before he made the pinch.

"Ah, well," he sighed, after he had allowed Wasyl to roll up a tremendous score against him, "unlucky at cards and lucky at love. I've got Gussie Kunkak for a fine girl; she loves me dearly."

"She's my girl, this Gussie," Wasyl exploded. "Keep away."

That was clinching evidence and Wilhelmus Phlaster waited no longer.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT IN RATE COMBINE WITH OCEAN LINES?

Congressmen Told It Acts as Controlling Power in Panama Companies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—That the United States Government is a party to European steamship conferences which fix rates between Central America and European ports and New York City was today charged by R. H. Scherwin, vice-president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company of San Francisco, who told the Congress Committee on Ship Trade that the Government, representing the Panama Railroad and the Panama Steamship line, sent a representative to the annual conference meetings in London when coffee rates were fixed.

He added that the Government had endeavored to force a rate agreement between his line and the Hawaii-American line, but that his line had declined to maintain its rates, threatened if it put them down to put on a competing line with the Government behind it. At present the Hawaiian line is operating under tariffs fixed by the Government through the Panama Steamship Company.

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AUTOS KILLED SIX MORE CITIZENS LAST MONTH THAN IN JANUARY, 1912.

Seventeen Dead, Seventy-five Injured Is Record; Trolley Car Mortalities Were Nine.

The January report of the National Highway Society, made public today by Col. Edward S. Cornell, its Secretary, shows that during that month, six more persons were killed by automobiles than during the corresponding month of last year.

The mortalities due last month to vehicular traffic follow: Automobiles, 17; trolley cars, 8, and wagons, 8. Automobiles injured 75 persons last month; trolley cars, 65, and wagons severely injured 21. Of those killed by vehicular traffic, seventy-five per cent. were men, sixty years old or under sixteen. The mortalities due to vehicular traffic in January, 1912, were: Automobiles, 11; trolley cars, 10, and wagons, 8.

The report also shows that in New York State, outside the Greater City, eight persons were killed by traffic last month; three by automobiles, two by trolleys, two by wagons and one in a collision between a trolley and a wagon. The mortalities in the corresponding month last year were automobiles 1, trolleys 2 and wagons 2.

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HOTEL NAVARRE GUEST SHOTS HIMSELF DEAD

Suicide Was J. C. Smith, Late-ly Employed at the Kings Park Insane Asylum.

A guest on the third floor of the Hotel Navarre, at Thirty-eighth street and Seventh avenue, early today telephoned down to Arnold Brown the night clerk.

"I just heard a shot in the room next to me," he said, excitedly. "You'd better send up right away."

Brown summoned Patrolman Phelan. Then the policeman, Brown and the night watchman went up to the room in which the shot had been heard by the wakened guest. The door was locked, but they broke it in and found the occupant of the room, who had registered on Thursday last as J. C. Smith of Kings Park, L. I., stretched out on the bed in his night garments. A revolver lay on the floor beside the bed. There was a bullet hole in Smith's left temple.

On the bureau lay a hastily scrawled note which said: "You will find a letter addressed to my sister. J. C. SMITH." Close by this note lay another one with the following address inscribed on it: "Mrs. Marian Fisher, Onondaga street, Syracuse, N. Y." Onondaga street is one of the finest residence thoroughfares in Syracuse. The note read:

NOTE SENT TO SISTER IN SYRACUSE.

"My trunks are at the Pennsylvania station. Inclosed find the tickets for my musical instruments. Please pay my hotel bill, which is inclosed. J. C. SMITH."

Besides the notes Coroner Winterbottom found four pawn-tickets for a ring, a watch, a violin and a French horn. There were also three trunk checks on the bureau.

Inquiry at Kings Park elicited the information that Smith had for the last six months been employed as an orderly in the insane hospital. His wife was also employed there, but the couple left two weeks ago without giving notice and not saying where they were going, besides acting as an orderly, Smith also played in the asylum orchestra. He was a skilled performer on the violin and the French horn, said the superintendent, and was popular with everybody.

Smith was a man about fifty-five years old, and when he came to the Navarre was neatly dressed and carried two handbags. Little was seen of him about the place. His wife did not accompany him to the Navarre, but the superintendent of the Kings Park Hospital declared that the Smiths lived a harmonious life, and that the couple left the institution of their own volition.

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SO HE TURNED ON THE GAS.

Struck of "Shovel-Stiff-Labor-Hobbits" Too Much for Him.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Declaring in a letter addressed to his boarding house proprietress that he had been suffering from an acute attack of shovel-stiff-labor-hobbitis, James Smith, thirty-five years old, yesterday killed his body to "the first medical institution that applied for it," and then committed suicide by turning on both gas jets in his room. Deputy Coroner John Mehring found the following letter lying near the man's body:

"To the Landlady: The shovel-stiff-labor-hobbitis has been on me since 11 o'clock last night. I hereby will my body to the first medical college that wants it, also \$2 to you, providing you turn over the other \$25 to the local Philadelphia Socialist party. I am sorry to have troubled you this way. I did this to cure an acute attack of shovel-stiff-labor-hobbitis."

(Signed) "JIM SMITH."

Smith's body was taken to the morgue.

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This Annual Event, of which the Great Roger Thompson Givernaud Disposal was a Forerunner, Contains 153,660 Yards of Famous R & T Restricted Spring Silks and \$25,000 worth of Finest Italian Satins—All to Be Sold—\$200,000 worth for \$115,000.

Every great happening has its forerunner. Silk history was written when this store took over the quarter million dollar retail stock of R & T silks and sold a large part in one day and practically all of it inside a week.

No such silk selling has ever been known in the whole world. It was because "Wanamaker's was doing things in silks" that this store had first chance to buy out the R & T retail store.

We are still "doing things in silks" greater and greater each day. So Roger Thompson Givernaud offered to us first chance to select from an overproduct in their wholesale stock.

Spring silks, these. Every yard just off the looms. Summer silks. Restricted silks—each one named and sold all over the country at a certain price. Silks every good store in the country must have on its shelves or its customers want to know why.

Indro, Arab and Baroness, Tub Silks and Charmeuse— Among the best-made silks in America. 153,660 yards of them—enough to stock an average store for three months—yet not as much as we sold last season in a single week.

Also, these silks are exceedingly fashionable. Nothing is more typical of Oriental and peasant fashions than pongee, and our Paris office by last steamer advises us that satins promise to be great favorites this Spring.

As we had first choice, we naturally selected the most popular of all the R & T silks woven in the six Roger Thompson Givernaud mills.

It is the first time they have ever been offered to sell at less than \$1 to \$2.50. Our prices will be 75c to \$1.25.

At this very beginning of the Spring season, every woman is planning Spring and Summer gowns and blouses.

Men are just about to order silk shirts. This offer of the best reasonably priced silks in the world for the purposes will, we know, be immediately taken advantage of.

R. & T. Pongees **Baroness Cascadeuse, \$1.25 Yard** Regularly \$2 and \$2.50

Exceptionally heavy ribbed silk, resembling imported cascadeuse. Black and natural, 27 inches wide. Never before sold by us for less than \$2 and \$2.50.

Arab Pongee, \$1.25 Yard Regularly \$1.75 and \$2

Two qualities, Arab and Arab extra. All colors in the first, black, natural and white only in the extra. Both considerably like fashionable ratine. For motor wear and traveling. Never heretofore sold at less than \$1.75 and \$2.

R. & T. Tub Silks for Men's Shirts, Summer Waists and Dresses

Without exception we believe them the finest made in America. They are the only tub silks we know woven both warp and woof of classical silk—the best raw silk of Italy.

These tub silks are regularly bought season after season by the fine specialty shirt makers, and are used in their \$8 to \$18 shirts.

Striped Tub Silks, 95c Yard Heretofore, \$1.25 and \$1.35

Habutai finish, 32 inches wide, 46 stripe designs and several colors in each pattern.

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